

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 15 and replace with the following:

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Further, although in the aforementioned embodiments the electrodes 18 are mounted on the front surface of the circuit board 8 and the storage element 19 is mounted on the rear surface, this arrangement may be modified such that, as shown in Fig. 17, the electrodes 18' to be contacted with the contacts 45 are only provided on the circuit board 8', and the storage element 19' is mounted on a flexible cable 51' connected to the electrodes 18.

Please delete the second full paragraph on page 15 and replace with the following:

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Moreover, the flexible cable 51' may be extended so that the electrodes 18' are formed in an area opposite from an area where the storage element 19' is mounted.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 15 and 16 and replace with the following:

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According to this modification, it is possible not only to omit the circuit board 8, but also to dispense with a process for connection between the circuit board 8 and the flexible cable 51'. Therefore, the structure can be made simple and the cost can be reduced.

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 16 and replace with the following:

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According to these modifications, it is possible to locate the electrodes 18' of the circuit board 8 or flexible cable 51' at positions that facilitate contact with and guide to the contact electrodes 45 of the recording apparatus, while the storage element 19 can be located at a desired position, for example, on the upper surface of the ink cartridge, using the flexible cable 51'. Therefore, the design freedom can be increased.